

## JAPAN WILL MOVE WITHOUT ENTENTE O. K.

Understanding with America  
to Be Left to Diplomatic  
Sources—Emergency  
Demands Action.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Military action by Japan in eastern Siberia to check German aggression and protect war stores at Vladivostok is believed here to be imminent. The United States has not yet expressed its views on the proposed step but it was said in diplomatic quarters tonight that the Japanese probably would move quickly to meet emergency conditions and leave to the pending diplomatic exchanges development of an understanding with America and all the allies upon the scope and purposes of the enterprise.

While it has no direct bearing upon the situation in Asiatic Russia, the news which came today to the Swedish legation that Germany has given notice of her intention to occupy the whole of Finland will tend to hasten the agreement upon Japan's plans. The German explanation to the Swedish foreign office, which has protested against the proceeding, that the occupation is to restore order and without intent to take permanent possession is regarded as a very clear indication of what the Teutons may undertake in any part of Russia now that the bolsheviks have been forced to accept their hard peace demands.

News of Battle Next.  
Officials and diplomats here profess ignorance of what preparations have been made by Japan for the operations about to be undertaken. As a matter of course secrecy has been observed and a strict censorship in regard to the Siberian question is in force at Tokyo. Possibly the next word to come out of Japan on the subject will be an announcement of something accomplished.

In this connection it is recalled that at the beginning of the Russo-Japanese war the Japanese act without heralding. Before there was any such formality as a declaration of war, a Russian fleet had been smashed and the war was half won. It has been stated in official quarters that this is no concern of the entente allies nor of America how Japan goes about the task once the question is settled. If the decision is reached to give Japan a free hand in eastern Siberia it is now conceded that no other military or naval power is in position to render any substantial aid owing to lack of available forces.

In a diplomatic way the situation had remained unchanged since the middle of last week. The state department has not indicated to the Japanese government what may be its view of the new situation created by the signing of peace articles by the bolsheviks. The statement made recently by Viscount Motono that Japan had a working agreement with the entente allies and America in regard to this question, it is said, has been taken too literally. Officials say what the viscount probably meant was that there existed a sympathetic understanding on the subject.

Would Insure Russ Integrity.  
In seeking an understanding as to scope before going on record as supporting the Japanese action the American government is understood to hold that while it has every confidence in the proper intentions of Japan, it would be easier to convince neutral nations and moreover would enable America and the allies to defeat any German design to organize the discordant elements in Russia on the German side, were there some formal assurance that Russian integrity was not to suffer. A high official today expressed the opinion that for this reason the situation was very delicate and required very careful treatment at the hands of the press to avoid embarrassing misunderstandings. Information is wanted regarding the exact terms of the peace signed at Brest-Litovsk, and it is pointed out that there is as yet no assurance that the terms forced upon Lenin and Trotsky would be accepted by the Russian people. Should there be a resumption of the Russian defense against Germany, that fact would have an effect upon the situation in Siberia, as it might easily make possible a friendly agreement between Russia and Japan whereby the latter government would be authorized to take any military action needed to carry out her guarantee of peace in the far east.

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## CONFEREES TALK OVER WAR BILL

Indications That Attempts to  
Radically Change Measure  
Will Be Abandoned.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5.—Opposition to the administration bill for a war finance corporation resulted today in the suspension of debate in the senate until tomorrow to permit conferences between Gov. Harding and Vice Gov. Warburg of the federal reserve board, with banking committee members and other senators who have led the fight on certain sections of the bill.

Tomorrow Sen. Y. McAdoo, at the request of Sen. Owen, chairman of the banking committee, will meet the opposing faction. There were indications tonight that attempts to make radical amendments in the bill as it now stands, would be abandoned.

Provisions authorizing the corporation's directors to issue \$4,000,000,000 in bonds to aid the financing of war industry, as well as issues by a capital issues committee, were the principal objections urged today in the senate banking committee conferences. Opponents of the measure advanced the argument that many of the functions proposed for the corporation could be performed better by the federal reserve board, and securities licensing continued by the existing voluntary committee.

McAdoo is Insistent.

Support for the plan proposed in the bill is understood to have been given both by Mr. Warburg and Mr. Harding, and Sen. Y. McAdoo is expected to insist upon it tomorrow.

Some of the committee members said tonight it was probable no changes vitally disarranging the present draft of the bill would be urged. Sen. Owen, however, is expected to press his amendment, limiting the interest rate on the proposed bond issue to four percent, and Sen. Hollis of New Hampshire, another democrat of the committee,

## THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



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## DIRECTOR M'ADOO NAMES LOVETT TO IMPROVE ROADS

Resigns From War Industries  
Board and Union Pacific—  
May Coordinate Work of  
All Bureaus.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Robert S. Lovett, former chairman of the board of the Union Pacific and priorities director of the war industries board, has been appointed by Director Gen. McAdoo chief of a new division of betterments and additions of the railroad administration. It was announced Monday. He has resigned from the Union Pacific and from the war industries board and has given up his other corporate interests to take charge of railroad improvements under government operation.

Judge Lovett will hold one of the most important positions in the railroad administration. He will supervise the big program of extensions contemplated for this year, particularly relating to terminal construction and will determine what improvements are essential and what should be postponed until the close of the war.

Reports of railroads now being tabulated by the interstate commerce commission and railroad administration officials show the improvements railroads had planned for this year if private operation had continued. These reports also are being examined by a committee of railway engineers, acting for Director Gen. McAdoo, with a view to trimming the estimates in the light of emergency war needs.

Will Form Organization.  
Judge Lovett is expected to form a national organization, including railway vice presidents in charge of improvements and extensions on their respective lines. Every proposed expenditure for these purposes will be closely scrutinized before being approved. The new division will work closely with the division of finance and purchases, directed by John Skelton Williams, who plans to centralize purchases for all the roads.

As director of priorities for the war industries board, Judge Lovett's duties had been greatly curtailed by the absorption of transportation priority functions by the railroad administration, and the exercise of fuel priority by the fuel administration.

Plan Joint Board.  
Eventually a joint government board may be formed to coordinate the priority functions now exercised by the railroad and fuel administrations, the war and navy departments and the shipping board.

MAY COMPROMISE  
RATE AUTHORITY.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—A compromise in the rate making authority section probably will bring an agreement today between the senate and house conferees on the administration railroad control bill. Chairman Smith of the senate interstate commerce committee, discussed and said later he had a compromise to propose which he believed would be acceptable to both sides.

The bill as it passed the house invests the president with final rate making powers, while the senate measure provides that the president may initiate rates subject to review by the interstate commerce commission. Sen. Smith would not disclose the exact nature of the proposed compromise. He said it was "unique and workable" and indicated that it would harmonize powers of the president and the interstate commerce commission without curtailing the powers of the commission.

One of the important differences in the conference over the provision for compensation to the carriers while under federal operation was settled today, the house conferees accepting the senate provision. This is considered less elastic and liberal than the house section, but it adopts the same basis of compensation, the average of net income for the three years ending June 30, 1917. Under this plan the railroads will be guaranteed about \$945,000,000 a year.

Short Lines Valuable.  
Under another agreement reached in conference, all short lines, whether competitive or not, would secure the benefits of the law and be entitled to compensation as parts of the federally operated system. These lines are estimated to be worth more than two billions of dollars. Their introduction into the federal system over objection of Director General McAdoo was urged on the plea that, excluded, they might become bankrupt.

Little difficulty over the period of control—fixed in the house bill at two years and in the senate measure at 18 months after peace is declared—is anticipated. Senate conferees have indicated readiness to yield to this house provision.

Another question to be decided by the conferees at what they expect to be their final meeting, concerns state taxation and state regulations of the carriers during the period of federal supervision. A provision of the senate bill stipulates that such taxation shall not be impaired.

TEXAS FOR FEDERAL AMENDMENT.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 5.—The lower house of the Texas legislature tonight concurred in a minor amendment by the senate to the resolution for the ratification of the federal prohibition amendment. The resolution now goes to the governor.

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